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1. Redefine ME (6:06)
2. Year Of The PLAGUE (5:29)
3. My WORLD Is Ending (5:26)
4. This ETERNAL Instant (6:10)
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Redefine ME

Feel
This illusive dream that's
Growing
Flowing into view
Take this immense
Participation
Is it really you?

Fall back
My secret window
Feel free
To let me lose
My mind
My mind

Twisting
I feel abandoned
Look back
To set me free
To purify
To purify

It makes me want to scream
To fall out of this dream
It makes me want to find the
things
I thought you wanted
It makes you want to try
To leave it all behind
The time
that still remains I'll use
To redefine me
Find me...

Now
All that's left with me
This feeling
Am I all alone?
Stretching
I cannot see you
Clearly
Am I losing you?

To Speak
I'll try to save you
Feel free to let me find
My innerline
My innerline

Have you simply
Lost the answer
Will you take the hand I give?
To redefine
To redefine

...This illusive cry
I AM
Your secret window
I AM
All that's left with you
I AM
Redefinition

I am losing you
Fading in
You're fading out

I'll redefine my dreams
In the hours that remain
I'll try to understand
To redefine myself

YEAR of the PLAGUE

This is the year of the...
This is the year of the...
Plague!

This is the year of reflection
Deception
And feeling the fear of rejection
Come through my connection
A glance to the year of...

Trying
To see you
To be true
Believing
The time is here
My memories
Are fading
Save me my...
Plague!

Enter my place of despair
Direction
The meaning of total redemption
You fake my salvation
A dream in the place of...

The time
The place
The plague
Is here!

...Behind the smile
My memories are fading
The time is here
The hours remaining

My WORLD is ENDING

Take all that I believe in
Give it a simple name
Reveal all my secrets
And drown me in the shame
I will redefine
The questions of the night
And I will purify
Forgiveness and the light

It's falling into place
In clear perspective
My deepest tragedy
The world is ending
So now you speak to me
In perfect silence
Don't take my soul away
My world is ending
The world is ending
My world descending

Don't ever speak to me
To find your salvation
I know it's hard to be
And exist in culmination
I'll take your soul away
Destroy it and molest you
And I will set you free
Don't give your heart to me

This ETERNAL Instant

...my hands ...my hands
...my hands

To free these
To be these
To feel these hands
No direction
Teach me
Connection
Within my soul
I'm drowning

Laughing I dream this
Nightmare eternal
Forming confusion
Feeling so lost you're

Never alone
But Silent
Walking towards
Horizons
No one to frame but you

To form
The line
To be
The only one that's left to free
You
From you
Just you
Erase this nightmare
of conformity

Into the overflowing of
Free decision
Choosing a new way
Losing yourself

Lay down my
Distraction
Inside the circle of being
Show me
Purpose
And drift towards the surface

In my sleep I
Fall down in deeper
Into the sea of
Dark desires you're

Never alone
But silent
Walking towards
Horizons

Holding on to shades
of something
Bleeding on the road
I walked before
Watching as my
pale memories fade
Into nothing...and nothing begins

I just can't escape
this feeling in my head
It feels like going around
in circles
And all I can really relate to
Is the person I used to be

Never alone
But silent
Walking towards
Horizons
No one to frame but you

To form
The line
To be
The only one that's left to free
You
From you
Just you
Erase this nightmare
of conformity

Into the overflowing of
Free decision
Choosing a new way
Losing yourself
It's fading in

Lost REALITY

And thus you speak to me
With your divided tongue
All tangled up
In lies
In lies
You try to explain to me
That your silent cry
And that weakest whisper
Is real
Surreal!

Interlocked reality
Failed to find the answer
To my questions
And to see this innerline
I'll drown myself to be alive

Fall
My innerline
Beneath normality
Reveal the right way and I'll
Dream
To be alive
Embrace what's left behind
Forgive my sense of lost reality

So now I crawl to you
With my divided soul
Distorted and
In pain
Deranged
I scream to come back to you
To see what's real
I'll sell my self
To you
To you

Nothingness reality
Still my desperate hunger
End the questions
But to be this innerline
I drown myself to free my mind

I choose to fight this
Dream
And drift into
My lost reality
Forgive my sense of
Dream
I'll meet you in my
Lost reality

Be on this night my fallen angel
Touch my face and set me free

Be my fallen angel
Reveal the dream to all
Construct my sense of freedom
And I will hear you call

...All is falling
Into lost reality
I sought to be my wildest dream

SOUL Decision

Nice of you to see me
Good of you to greet me
I am here to take your soul away
I will only meet you
Try to alienate you
As I am here
To blow your mind away

I´m never gonna satisfy me
It´s never good enough to be real
To be myself and only be true
I´ll always try to contemplate you

Crawling
Denying
Now falling
My Soul Decision

Fall the hours
Remain my friend
Through this pain
Soul Decision

Lift my hand to feed you
See and only be true
Don't you dare to take your
Mouth away
Comprehend my vision
Be my soul decision
And be prepared
To let me fall astray

I'm left here all alone
To make it real
To explain myself
And always make you feel
To lift me up
And fake it on my own
To sit here on my rusty throne

SIMPLICITY Demand

You have to believe me
Surrender completely
I want you to be near
I'm all alone here
Feeling fragile and confused
But your absence
Will make me choose
And the tailors of time have
Washed away my friend

My friend...

If you could see me now
As I really am
Would you believe somehow?
Simplicity demand
If you could see through me
As I really am
What would you want to say?
Simplicity demand

Don't try to erase me
Destroy or molest me
And don't you dare
To pretend to care
About my new-found meaning
You'll have to believe me
Surrender completely
To accept that you're lonely
And drift towards the end

My friend...

Hear me
Calling
Save you
From falling

Obscure INDESCRETION

Don't let them drown you
In fame
Construct or form you
From shame
Feel the time is
Closing in

Fortune
Fortune

Obscure indiscretion
A heartfelt confession
A needless reflection
We have no direction

If you could see me
Right now
Would you believe me?
Somehow
Feel the world is
Forming you

Fortune
Fortune

Obscure indiscretion
A heartfelt confession
A needless reflection
We have no direction
This futile rejection
The poison deception
This state of regression
Will show me connection

My SECRET window

This is it
The final place to falter
To see the destination
To be the one
Who makes the final call
We rise to fall
This is where
We clear the path to freedom
To gain the new horizon
And bleed onto the road
We lost before
So rise to

Save me
My miracle
To escape the way we feel
We bleed and Rush
To say goodbye
Fly through
My window to
Free what's left behind
We fall and rise to feel alive

Save me my miracle
Take my doubts away and
Fly through my window
I'll Rise and fall through you

And so we speak
To feel a little less neglected
To reach the final chapter
And understand
The answers that you hide
We fall but rise
To build the final structure
And fight the desperation
We'll meet the ones
We had to leave behind
So rise my friend to...

The HOURS that REMAIN

Seen in your perspective
It's falling into place
It's being interactive
And falling down from grace
Be neglective
Or selective
It's all that makes you see
The hours that remain

To fall disgraceful
To be alone and
Believe in the time to
Be divine

Fighting the hours is all that remain
Searching for answers and feeling the pain
And holding out my hands to find you to see through the rain
My motionless demand to seek my true face through the blame

This timeless glass before me
Is running out of mind
Is falling into nothing
And is all I left behind
Be neglective
Or deceptive
To redefine the dreams
In the hours that remain

To choose deception
To see the gain and
The rose the answer
Enjoy the pain

I'll Teach you
Revelation
I'll go through
Hell
To greet you
My friend
And to meet you
In the end
...I'll save you